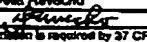


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X40=		OR X80=	80.00
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